

## Alma E. Sueltz, 94



Alma E. Sueltz, 94, Aberdeen, formerly Groton, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000 at ManorCare, Aberdeen.

Her funeral was Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. There was a prayer service at the funeral chapel Friday evening.

Alma Emma Adler was born November 5, 1905 to William and Otilia (Dally) Adler on the family homestead in Henry Township of Brown County. She attended grade school at the country school in Henry Township. She attended college at Northern Normal and Industrial School in Aberdeen. Upon receiving her teaching certificate in 1924, she taught 4½ years at rural schools around the Groton area. In 1928, she decided to continue her college education at Northern. During this time, she worked at the JC Penney department store.

She married Alfred Sueltz on September 1, 1930 at her parent's home, with the Rev. Frank Wilke officiating. This began her lifelong career as loving wife and mother. She and her husband farmed the August Sueltz homestead until 1975, when they moved to Groton. Alfred died June 29, 1994 and she moved to Aberdeen, December 1994. She became a resident of ManorCare in October 1999.

Alma helped organize the Country Cadets 4-H Club. She was responsible for starting the Senior Nutrition Program in Groton, as well as organizing the Senior Center. She was always interested in preserving family history and helped write the history of Brown County in book form. She was named "Mother of the Year" in 1979 and was honored at a reception in Pierre, SD. She enjoyed working on the family farm, gardening, raising flowers, baking bread, playing the organ, sewing and singing. She enjoyed her family most of all.

She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, James, until it merged with St. John's Lutheran Church, West Hanson Township. Upon the disbursement of this congregation, they became members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. She was a faithful member of the Ladies Aid, LWML, and a Sunday school teacher. She and her husband sang for many religious and social events. This is a legacy passed on to their children and grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, David (Shirley) Sueltz, Watertown, and Daniel (Janell) Sueltz, Littleton, Colo.; two daughters, Donna (Curtis) Misslitz, Aberdeen, and Dorothy Toelle, West Point, Neb.; nine grandchildren, one step grandchild, 20 great grandchildren, three step great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five brothers, and three sisters.

Casketbearers were Michael Markley, Greg Markley, Steven Markley, Scott Sueltz, Lance Lambert and Ronald Adler.

Organist was Carol Sombke and ushers were Ben Schaller and Duane Neuman.